

City of Milwaukee
Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN TASK FORCE

Caressa Givens, Chair
Kevin Kuschel (DCD), Vice-Chair
Mitchell Henke, Montavius Jones, Claude Krawczyk,
Nicholas La Joie, Daniel Roufus (MPD), Cinthia Téllez, Andy Tillman

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Wednesday, October 6, 2021

4:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

1. Meeting commenced at 4:32 PM.

Members Present 5 – Givens, Henke, Jones, Krawczyk, Téllez

Members Excused 4 – Kuschel, La Joie, Roufus, Tillman

Other Attendees – Anja Farin (Guest), Mike Amsden (DPW), Rebecca Rabatin (DOA-ADA Coordinator), Kate Riordan (DPW), Jake Newborn (Guest), Megan O'Connor (DPW), Jessica Wineberg (Milwaukee County Parks), Robert Schneider (Guest), Mike Brady (Guest), Chris Sandor (Guest), Ben Teel (Guest), Kyle (Guest), Maureen (Guest)

2. Approval of Minutes from September meeting (2:00)

Motion to approve minutes for September 2021 meeting was approved (Motion: Givens; Second: Henke)

3. Discussion related to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) proceedings from the 9/21/21 Common Council meeting (2:30)
Givens gave an overview ARPA funding which will be used to combat reckless driving and improve pedestrian and bicycle safety in the city. Givens explained the process the funds went through including committee and Common Council where the topic was debated significantly by Alderman Spiker who wanted the funding for speed limit reductions to be evaluated more extensively. His wish for more evaluation and reduction in funding was not held by other Council members and the funding was later approved including \$1.2M for MPD Traffic Safety Unity, \$1M for major projects, \$1M for residential projects, \$1.8M for rapid implementation initiatives, and \$1.2M for speed limit reduction. These funds would be used to implement improvements along the City's Pedestrian High Injury Network largely corridors and areas where crash rates involving people walking are high.

4. Update from the Membership & Bylaws working group (12:40)

Members discussed the enabling legislation to become an advisory committee. They discussed the number of voting and non-voting members that will be included in the committee and if term limits should be included.

Motion to consider including 6-year term limits to enabling legislation (Motion: Krawczyk; Second: Jones)

The group discussed the drawbacks and benefits to having term limits for the Advisory Committee. Jones voiced disfavor for term limits as they could remove active members from the board. Krawczyk and Téllez voiced the benefits of term limits as a way to set goals and a way to leave the board without pressure to stay on.

Motion to establish 9-year term limits to the Advisory Committee. (Motion: Krawczyk; Second: Jones)

Members voted in favor of establishing 9-year term limits.

Motion to adopt enabling legislation subject to final changes done by Membership & Bylaws working group. (Motion: Krawczyk; Second: Jones)

Members approved the motion.

5. Update from the Policy & Programs working group (45:00)

Givens brought up a document from the City of Oakland Department of Transportation Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee as a model for the working group to use when making process for assessing projects and creating policy for snow removal in Milwaukee.

Givens appointed Téllez become Policy & Programs working group lead

The group also discussed a letter written by Henke and Jones which has the goal of increasing the budget for the DPW Multimodal Units funding from \$1.3M to \$2M for the 2022 Budget. Henke gave an overview of the letter and suggested the funding come from the increased revenue from parking meters.

The group discussed how additional funds to the Multimodal Unit may not be the most effective way to increase pedestrian and bicycle safety as the unit has a limited capacity, but because of the limited time in the budget approval process the group decided the letter should be sent out.

Motion to approve letter asking for additional funding for Multimodal Unit be sent out (Motion: Krawczyk, Second: Jones)

The group voted in favor of approving motion.

6. Update on community meetings and events (1:17:15)

DPW's Multimodal Unit released the 2020 Milwaukee Complete Streets Health and Equity Report

Safe and Healthy Streets released their streetwise toolkit

October 30th - Dia de los Muertos Run/Walk; Trick or Treat in Silver City

7. Adjourn (1:27:30)

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM (Motion: Givens; Second: Krawczyk)

A recording of the meeting can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S0plcCBAOZ4>

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